

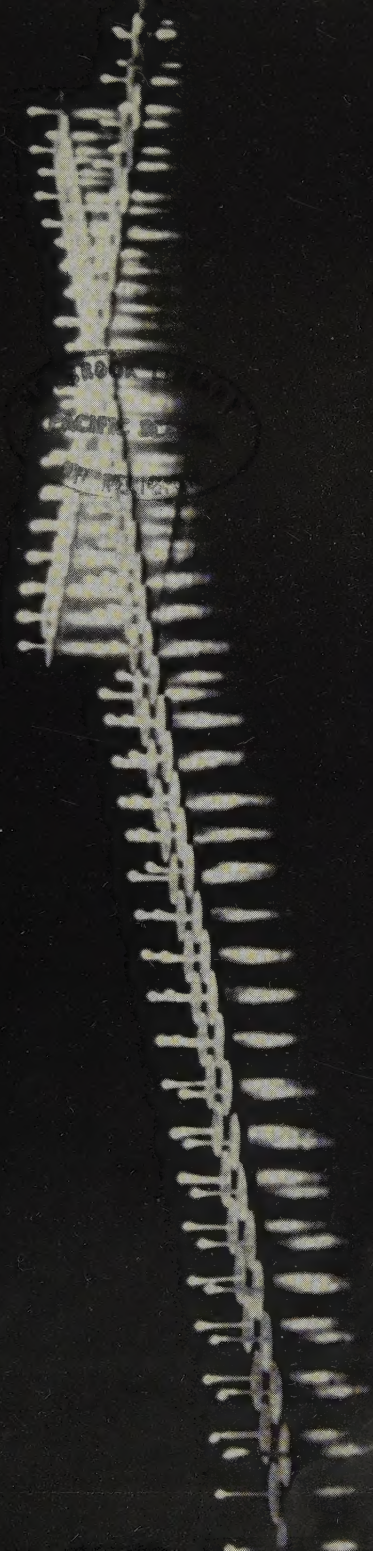
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The Cover . . .

This candle cross represents commitments made by youth participating in the annual summer conference sponsored by the Oregon Christian Endeavor Union. It is always a meaningful experience for the delegates as this cross is formed following the decision service. Each cross represents a youth's decision for a forward step in Christian faith and life.

Photo by Robert E. Howard

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January

30-February 6 — Christian Endeavor Week

February

February 2 — Christian Endeavor's 91st birthday
11-13 — Michigan Ski-ee Weekend, Camp Living Water

Planning with Christ

You plan a shopping expedition or a trip to the library or the zoo. You set aside time for a series of phone calls to friends. For a larger objective, requiring much self-control as to time and effort, you plan spare time learning of a foreign language or some other important skill.

Who starts out for a week's vacation with no real plan for each day?

The great Endeavor of the Christian faith calls for serious planning. Only so will you give Christ and His Church your best in time, energy, and devoted service. Seek out the young people and young-minded adults whose response to Christ as Master and Saviour and Companion includes activity in Christian Endeavor society and union. Be a part of this fellowship that both plans and does, loyal to His call and relying on the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance.

Share your personal planning for spiritual growth and worth with others. Learn too from these comrades in Christian Endeavor. We were called to a priceless privilege in entering the Christian flock under the Good Shepherd. Our plans with Christ should be the best of which we are capable, and to these high purposes we should be loyal. *B. H. I.*

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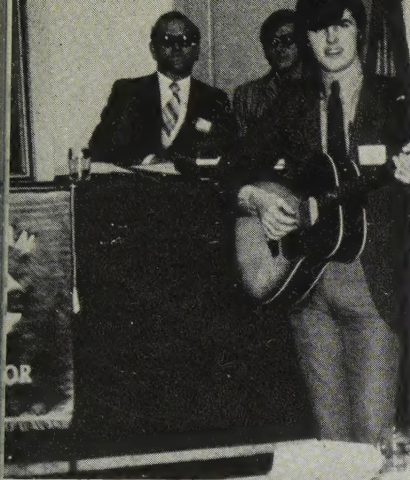
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COUNCIL LEADERS include Kent Young, guitarist, who led the celebration in music; Rev. Charles W. Barner (seated, left), general secretary of the International Society; and Rev. David G. Jackson, Council chairman. Meetings were held in the Terrace Room of the Southern Hotel.

Photos by Gordon McMordie

1971 COUNCIL-- Leaders Listen, Learn, and Share

A course on "The Needs of Youth," a presentation on "Training Counselors," and workshops on developing Christian Endeavor topics, plus recommendations from the Youth Assembly, were special features of the 1971 Executives' Program Council, when over eighty Christian Endeavor

PATRICIA PORTER is introduced at banquet by Toastmaster Lavern Bilgig; Dr. LaVerne H. Boss is seated at left.

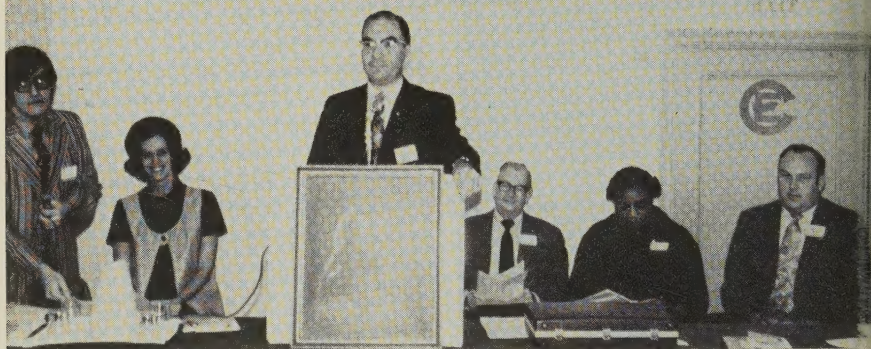


leaders from the United States and Canada met December 2-5 in Columbus, Ohio.

A highlight was the fellowship banquet Friday evening with Patricia D. Porter, first place individual winner in the 1971 Christian Youth Witness Awards Program, delivering the message. Special music was presented by Endeavorers from Grace United Church of Christ, Columbus, Ohio. Phyllis I. Rike, administrative secretary and treasurer of the International Society, received a citation for 25 years service at Christian Endeavor Headquarters. Banquet theme and decorations pointed to Samoa, in connection with the Sixth Area I Conference of the World's Union August 3-6, 1972.

Meditations were presented each day by Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, president and general secretary of the World's Union. He spoke about Christian Endeavor throughout the world with special emphasis on Germany, the Middle East, India, Africa, and the Islands of the Pacific. The Com-

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EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE Chairman Timothy J. Kribs (at podium) with (from left) Rev. David Jackson, Council chairman, and resource panel members Mrs. Ray Pulsifer, Arch J. McQuilkin, Mrs. Emmie F. Smith, and Rev. Roger D. Vander Kolk.

munion Service Sunday morning was led by Rev. Walter M. Burkholder, general secretary of the Department of Christian Education of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

Visit to Headquarters

Delegates enjoyed a visit to Christian Endeavor Headquarters on Thursday afternoon. Thursday evening "Scenes from St. Louis," a series of slides on the 51st International Convention, was presented. Sunday morning a visual report of Christian Endeavor around the world was given by Dr. Clyde Meadows and Phyllis Rike, which included scenes from Stuttgart, Germany, site for the 17th World's Convention in 1974.

Lynn Stanley of Missouri and Veva C. Steen of Illinois, assisted by youth delegates, used SEE AND SELL announcements to publicize literature and supplies available through the Publishing Department. Informative presentations were given

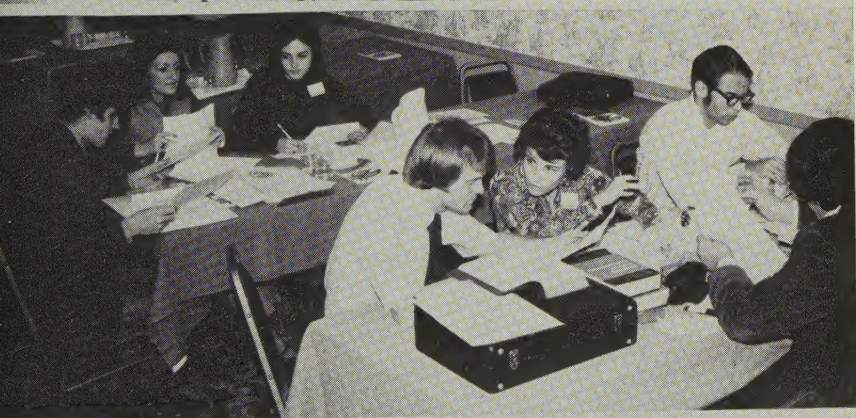
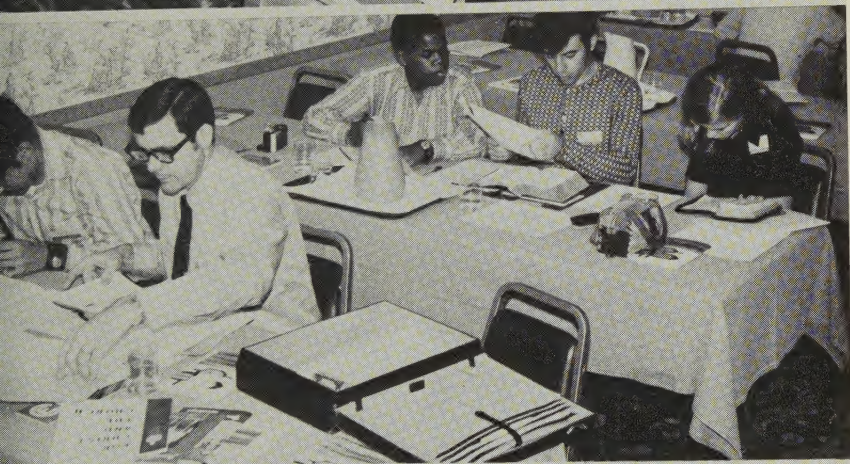
on the Outdoor Poster Program, the Christian Youth Witness Awards Program, Christian Endeavor publications, the 1972 Membership and Roll Call, and plans for 1972 Christian Endeavor Week by Rev. Charles W. Barner, general secretary, to spark interest in these areas of work.

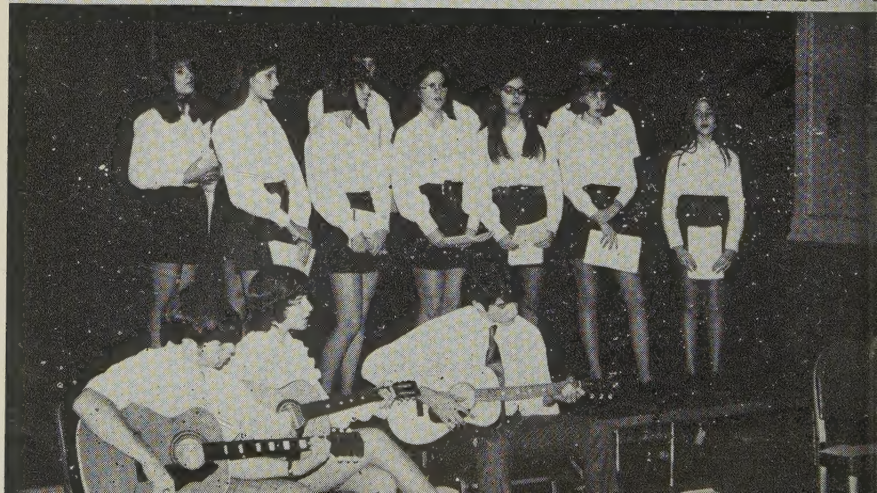
Three periods were spent in intensive preliminary work on the 1974 Junior and Youth topic annotation and the 1974 Young Adult and Adult Topics and Summaries. Material prepared by the delegates will be turned over to the editors who will prepare the final topics and annotations for these age levels.

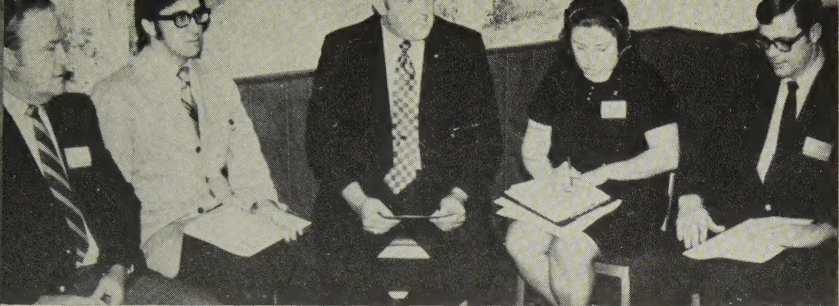
Needs of Youth

Special presentations were given by Charles D. Foust, an educator from Columbus, Ohio, on "The Needs of Youth Today"; by James DiRaddo, director of the Manhattan Christian Youth Service, New York City, on "Trends in Youth Work" and "How

TOPICS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS included these groups (opposite page): top—Junior topics workers; center photos—Youth topics work groups; bottom—Those working on Young Adult and Adult topics and summaries for 1974.







72 COUNCIL LEADERS (from left) are Rev. Elwood A. Kirschner, vice-chairman; Rev. David G. Jackson, 1971 chairman; Rev. Roger D. Vander Kolk, 1972 chairman; Lynn M. McKnight, secretary; and John L. Barkley, Jr., vice-chairman.

Communicate"; and by Mrs. Ray Pulsifer, executive secretary, Oregon Conference, on "Training Counselors."

The role of the Youth Assembly is outlined by its chairman, Lynn McKnight. The vice-chairman, Robert Kirschner, III, presented the recommendations of the Youth Assembly. International President Dr. LaVerne E. Boss outlined the structure of the Christian Endeavor movement while Rev. David G. Jackson, chairman of the Executives' Program Council, conducted an evaluation session on the council.

Youth delegates were in charge of the Consecration Service Saturday morning with Arch J. McQuilkin, assistant to the president, bringing the message.

Chairman of the 1971 Council was Rev. David G. Jackson of Indiana. Kent Young, youth delegate from the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, was in charge of music.

The Executives' Program Council meets annually. Included in its membership are denominational youth workers; presidents and employed youth, executive, and general secretaries of Christian Endeavor unions; International Society officers; and

youth delegates appointed by the unions and denominations.

1972 Leaders

Rev. Roger D. Vander Kolk of Michigan succeeds Mr. Jackson as chairman. Vice-chairmen are Rev. Elwood A. Kirschner (New Jersey) and John L. Barkley, Jr. (Pennsylvania); Lynn M. McKnight (Tennessee) is secretary.

Elected to membership on the Educational Committee were: Timothy J. Kribs, chairman (Oregon), Bonnie S. Bowman (North Carolina), Rev. Cameron Jackson (Ohio), Rev. David G. Jackson, Rev. Roger D. Vander Kolk, Mrs. Ray Pulsifer, Rev. William S. Ryan (Pennsylvania), Judith N. Sanders (Texas), and Mrs. Emmie F. Smith (Washington, D.C.). Age-level Interest Area Directors (who are members of the Educational Committee) include: Junior, Judith Sanders; Junior High, Mrs. Ray Pulsifer; Senior High-Young People's, Rev. David Jackson; and Young Adult and Adult, Mrs. Emmie Smith.

Dates for the 1972 meeting of the Council are November 30-December 3 in Columbus, Ohio. The 1973 dates are November 29-December 2, also in Columbus.

YOUTH AT SESSIONS include (opposite page): top — group led by Lynn McKnight, Youth Assembly chairman (back to camera), doing a "See and Tell" presentation; center — informal fellowship; bottom photo — Christian Endeavor singing group from Grace United Church of Christ, Columbus, Ohio, directed by Mrs. Jean Tolle.

WHAT'S THE ATTRACTION?

Message given by Patricia D. Porter at the Council Banquet, based on Acts 22:6-16. Adapted from material published in THE LOOKOUT magazine.

Today's youth are turning to and being "turned on" by Jesus. He has become their super-hero, their "Superstar." Even though there may be objections to the latter term and the musical from which it is taken, youth have become attracted to Jesus. And there is a reason: they identify with Him as a young, courageous, compassionate leader who triumphed over temptation, Satan, and death.

It has been declared, "Christ has attracted people of every rank. The peasant on his cot and the king on his throne, the rich and poor, the learned and the ignorant, the young and the old have yielded themselves to His appeal."

Our present-day young people are thinkers. Theirs is the best educated generation that ever lived. They are attracted to Jesus not only because He is to them a young hero, but more especially because He stands the test of their thinking and meets every need of their lives. They try drugs, but these pale into insignificance beside the matchless standards of Jesus' teachings and life.

Christ was a man of daring. What youth is there who does not admire courage in a man? When a mere lad He dared to enter the sacred precincts of the temple and engage the learned doctors of the law in discussion, because He knew He must be about His Father's business. He dared to break the sacred traditions of His time because they were stifling the spiritual life of the people. He dared to be unorthodox for truth's

sake. He dared to be in the minority and die for His convictions. Such daring thrills the heart of youth!

Jesus was a living example of Him teaching that "whosoever abaseth himself shall be exalted." Youth is quick to detect and dislike affectation. Because Jesus is "meek and lowly in heart" young people approach Him with trust and assurance.

The authority of Jesus arouses respect and obedience in the hearts of youth. That young man Saul, when he heard his Master's voice on the road to Damascus, straightway followed Him. Some American youth, who have been taught to avoid spiritual authority commit suicide every year, but believe that "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God." Youth is discovering that the only true freedom is in the recognition of Christ's authority and in obedience to Him.

Christ's ministry of mercy has strong appeal to youth. He was friend to the weak and the unfortunate. He opened the eyes of the blind, unstopped the ears of the deaf, made the dumb to speak, brought happiness where only sorrow had been.

Christ attracts youth because He is the answer to the riddle of the universe. There is no one subject that today's youth discuss more than "Who am I?" Then they get into the related questions of "Where did I come from?" "Why are we here?" "Where are we going?" They want to know if the business of living is worthwhile. Christ assures them it is.

He tells them that He came into the world to make it so, and "Whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."



OFFICERS at Aha Opio November 25-28 include (left to right): Front row, Vice-Presidents Pane Ka, Honor Aipelna, and Milton Ching; Secretary Veronica Ching; President Lee Don Kahea White. Back row, Advisor Rev. Christian A. Tirre; Auditor Mrs. Leilani Keanu; retiring Advisor Mrs. Barbara Panui; Treasurer Arthur Lee; Vice-President Sally Akaka (retiring president); retiring Vice-President Eugenie Keanu; and retiring Secretary Annie Lui Kwan.

24th AHA OPIO

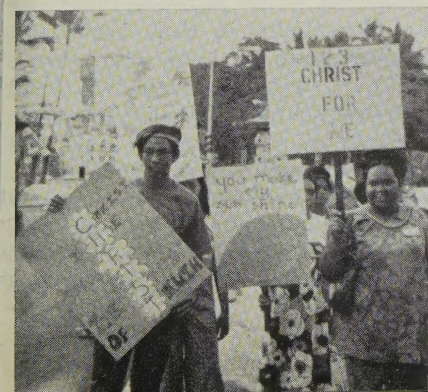
of the Hawaii State Young People's Christian Endeavor

By Rev. Christian A. Tirre

Over 400 young people from all across Hawaii came on Thanksgiving Day to Kawaiahao Church in Honolulu to attend the Young People's Christian Endeavor Conference. According to Dr. Abraham Akaka, host pastor, this was one of the largest and best state conferences since they started 24 years ago.

Theme for the weekend was "Christ for Me." Sally Akaka, president for 1971, gave dedicated leadership to a very imaginative and meaningful youth-centered conference. It was open to all youth of the United Churches of Christ across Hawaii and for many Pilgrim Fellowship youth

YOUTH with placards at "March for Christ."

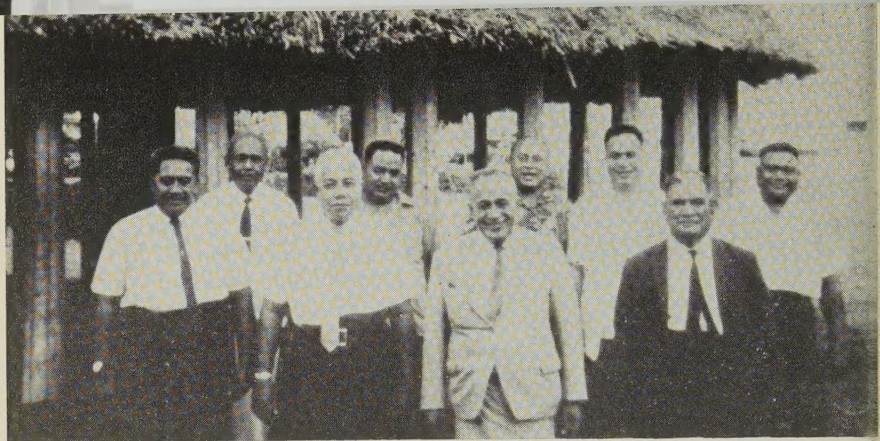


was their first Christian Endeavor meeting.

The conference officially began with a "March for Christ," in which the young people carried placards on busy King Street. Typical messages were: "God needs us!"; "Put your hand in the hand of the Lord"; "Pray for our youth"; "Jesus loves you."

A variety of activities made up the conference from an opening day Thanksgiving Vesper Service to nightly aloha hours, at which various groups, including Samoans, shared their talents in good Christian fun. Thanksgiving dinner and all meals were served in a tent on the church grounds. Housing for the delegates was at St. Andrew's Cathedral and First Chinese Church.

Each day began with a sunrise service at 6:00 a.m., followed by worship. The morning schedule offered workshop periods, with different subjects each day. Workshops were just that, the involvement of everyone sharing together; many were led by young people. Subjects offered included: Folk art, music, drama
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SAMOAN Organizing Committee includes (from left) Rev. Faulalo Sagapolu, High Chief Unutoa, High Chief Le'iato, High Talking Chief Mageo, Rev. Fiti Sunia, chairman, High Chief Satele, High Talking Chief Fofu Sunia, Rev. Sofara Aiono, and Rev. Lauifi Siva.

PAGO PAGO PROGRAM

Theme for the Sixth Area I Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union to be held August 3-6, 1972, at Pago Pago, American Samoa, is "Christ Calls . . . Advance!"

The program includes an award drinking ceremony involving civic and church leaders on Thursday afternoon, followed by the opening session with Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, president of the World's Union, giving the keynote address. Rev. Fiti Sunia, head of the local arrangements com-

mittee, is being asked to speak to the delegates Friday evening and P. A. R. Chesterton, newly-elected president of the Australian Union, will bring the address at the great closing meeting Sunday evening.

Friday morning features a Quiet Hour and Bible study period followed by educational conferences on these subjects: Pastors, Christian Endeavor Essentials, Fellowship of Prayer, Extension, and Union Officers.

Saturday will be "Samoa" day with a traditional feast following the Quiet Hour and Bible study Saturday morning and a communion service and society participation festival 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Following Samoan custom, local Endeavorers are offering delegates free hospitality in their homes, including meals, and are also providing local sight-seeing and traditional entertainment at Vaitogi Village.

An exciting new feature is the full day Southeast Asian and Pacific Area Conference of Cooperation on August 2, preceding the conference. Invited delegates from organized unions and from other countries and

PAGO PAGO Harbor from tramway car 1600 feet up.



islands in the area will participate in a day of intensive learning and sharing. This will be held at the Congregational Church at Taputimu Village.

During the conference there will be local sight-seeing to points of interest. The Board of Trustees of the World's Union will meet all day August 3 and Area I leaders will meet Friday afternoon, August 4.

Registration fee for the conference is \$5. Send registrations to the World's Union in Columbus, Ohio, to receive information as it is released.

SAMOA TRAVEL

Many delegates from North America will participate in the Pacific Islands Tour, under the direction of Rev. Charles W. Barner, general secretary of the International Society.

The tour party will leave Los Angeles, California, July 29, for Hawaii. On August 1 the party flies to Pago Pago. Following the Area I Conference, the group will visit Western Samoa, Tonga, Fiji, and Tahiti before returning to Los Angeles August 18.

Cost of the tour at present rates is \$1,580. For delegates who wish to use home housing while in Pago Pago, the cost is reduced to \$1,450. A deposit of \$200 will hold a place on the tour.

There are special student standby rates for those ages 12-21. For only \$297.60 plus tax young people can fly to Samoa. With the free housing and meals provided during the conference, this can be the experience of a lifetime at reasonable cost. There is also a 23-day excursion rate of \$430 plus tax. These rates apply from any west coast gateway city (Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, or Seattle). Write for more information.



A TYPICAL Samoan type house.

Photos by P. A. R. Chesterton

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ma, writing, and dancing; coffee-house; what is Christian Endeavor?; multi-media; role-playing contemporary worship; and new program approaches. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Burwell of California were among the workshop leaders. Afternoons were free for sight-seeing and athletic tournaments.

A unique event was the Communion Service Saturday night on the historic grounds of Kawaiahao Church. The bread was received at the mission house complex, one block from the church, where the homes of the first missionaries are preserved. The cup was received near the entrance to the church.

Sunday morning worship was conducted by the young people with the various islands represented by youth speakers. Special music was provided by several youth choirs.

The 1972 conference will be held on the garden island of Kauai and will be headed by the new president, Lee Don Kahea White.

NEWS

Texas Excutive Secretary



The new full-time executive secretary of the Texas Union is Ronnie B. Hanby of Mesquite. Ronnie, who is 27, is single and is a member of Bruton Road Christian Church. He

holds bachelor and master degrees in business administration from Texas Tech University and as a lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve served on active duty 1969-71. Ronnie has held various Christian Endeavor positions at the society and district level and has also served as Texas Union treasurer and regional director. Hobbies include snow skiing, sports, reading, and politics.

Personalia

Sincere Christian sympathy to the family and friends of *Thaddeus H. Chase* of Washington, D.C., first president of the Golden Rule Union, who died November 3. He was a member of Galbraith A.M.E. Zion Church

and a trustee of the International Society.

James Ford of Montclair has been elected president of the New Jersey Union.

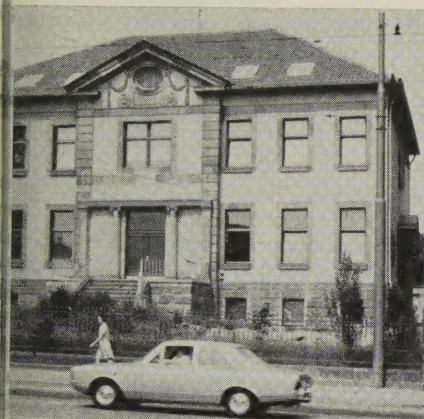
Fifty Years of Service

The Alumni Council in Christian Endeavor of Zion Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania celebrated its 50th anniversary December 8. Walter Reeves met with the group at the first meeting in 1921 and gave a detailed account of the purpose and work of an Alumni Council. For many years the Council held monthly services at the Home for Aged Women and also at the Rescue Mission. Also the Council supported Mrs. Dorji of India while she studied in America and sponsored Missionary Conference each year. Other activities include visiting shut-ins and holding annual services at Christ's Home. The Alumni Council meets the fourth Monday of each month with 19 active and 8 inactive members. Mrs. P. B. Darrell, Jr. states, "The Lord willing, we will keep on serving Christ and His Church."

MIDDLE ATLANTIC leaders meeting at Executives' Program Council to make plans for the 1972 regional conference May 19-21 at St. Davids near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. From left around the table are Rev. Charles W. Barnes, Mrs. Emmie F. Smith, Alfred L. Saunders, regional vice-president, Evelyn H. Purdy, Nellie V. Griffin, John L. Barkley, Jr., Lavern Billig, Paul Steele, and Alden E. Imus.

Photo by Gordon McMordie





NEW GERMAN Headquarters at Kassel.

German Deputation Team

(A member of the team wrote this report about the newest German Christian Endeavor activity).

On October 1, 1971, the German Union started its first team. Five young people came to the Headquarters in Kassel to spend one missionary year together with their leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Konrad Brandt.

We don't believe in a Christian nation, but we do believe in Christ who loves all people. He called us to tell others of His love. We know that people are very critically hearing the Good News. We learn from the Bible to proclaim the kingdom of God and to give testimony of His love to us.

We come from Christian Endeavor

GERMAN TEAM members include (from left) Annerose and Friedhelm Diehl, Elke Dippel, Ingrid Renner, and Werner Forschner with Mr. and Mrs. Konrad Brandt.

societies because we received Christ within the Christian Endeavor. We work for our Christian Endeavor because young Christians need fellowship with others. We will return to our home union because we want to help the Endeavorers again.

In October we started with a practical course. We went to different Christian Endeavor groups and held meetings, giving testimonies and singing. Above all, we had time for fellowship in prayer and Bible study. We helped in the Headquarters of the national union, too.

In November and December we studied at a Bible seminary for six weeks. We learned a lot of theory we can use during the coming year. We have planned some evangelistic weeks for young people in different parts of Germany. We will take part in the missionary action of our tent-mission, the Austrian Christian Endeavor camping-mission, and our national convention in Bavaria.

We come from several cities in Germany and all have different occupations, including a kindergarten leader, a salesman, a teacher, a compositor, and a nurse. We will return to our occupations October 1972.

We are glad to work for Jesus Christ this year.



1971 HONOR ROLL

Societies, unions, and other groups which have enrolled during the months of November and December in the 1971 Christian Endeavor Roll Call are listed here. Each organization received an enrollment certificate. Those contributing \$100 or more received a gold seal certificate; red seal certificates were sent indicating gifts of \$50 or more and blue seals a contribution of at least \$15.

Groups are arranged alphabetically by states and provinces. Others which enrolled earlier were listed in previous issues of this magazine.

SOCIETIES

Gold Seal

Societies of Olivet Reformed Church, Grandville, Michigan

Blue Seal

Senior High, Pinson Presbyterian Church, Pinson, Alabama

Senior, Bethel Presbyterian Church, Peoria, Illinois

Junior, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Evansville, Indiana

Youth Fellowship, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Evansville, Indiana

Junior, Allendale Reformed Church, Allendale, Michigan

Adult, Tressler Memorial Lutheran Church, Loysville, Pennsylvania

Societies of West Grove United Presbyterian Church, West Grove, Pennsylvania

OTHER GROUPS

Gold Seal

Zion German Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Red Seal

Michigan Conference, United Brethren in Christ Church, Flint, Michigan

Blue Seal

Sherkston (Grace) United Brethren Church, Sherkston, Ontario, Canada

UNIONS

Gold Seal

St. Louis, Missouri
Pennsylvania Union

Red Seal

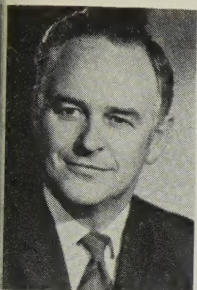
Northfield Conference for Youth, New England Union

Blue Seal

Metropolitan Young Adults Union, New York City

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LOOK AT IT THIS WAY...



What Will Be Your Commitment?

**By Dr. LaVerne H. Boss, President
International Society of Christian Endeavor**

A new year — 1972 — is before each of us. This fact you cannot avoid. Time marches relentlessly onward, and you and I find ourselves living 24 hours a day and 366 days this calendar year. What will we do with this opportunity and challenge?

Life is a gift of God and certainly He is always in complete control. Each moment is given for us to carry out His will for our lives here upon earth. Living in 1972 will produce moments of anxiety and frustration. The timid person will turn away from the challenge and the task before him and will want to give up and slip away from responsibility. The born-again believer is fortunate because he does not need to do this, as he has a dynamic Saviour, an eternal Christ, a powerful heavenly Father, and an inner, strengthening Holy Spirit.

Christian Endeavor can fulfill its mission of winning young people to a saving knowledge in Jesus Christ and training them for leadership and service in the local church. If we will recommit our lives and resources to this noble task, God's resources are boundless and know no limits. Man alone is confined to a very limited vision. History is full of men and women who never reach their potential because they lack vision, and a commitment to that vision. Dr. Francis E. Clark, founder of Christian Endeavor, certainly was not one of these earth-bound men.

My prayer is that each of us will lay hold on God's rich promises, made known to us through His word. May His love which was so evident in His son, Jesus Christ, permeate our daily living; may this love give us renewed strength; may we share it with others and as we share, be strengthened by it.

Young people, never be ashamed to share your faith and love for Him. He wants to be your constant companion, your ever-present friend — will you let Him lead in 1972?

Do you want to be sure of a joy-filled year? Then, my dear friend, today, right now, give Him complete command in your life. He wants your whole being, your whole life. Make a commitment this first month in the new year and experience the real joy of living in His love.

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